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SUBJ: ROGERS-OHIRA COUNTERPART MEETING: USSR AND NEW ATLANTIC
CHARTER

1. I TOOK OCCASION OF TETE-A-TETE LUNCHEON JULY 13 TO REVIEW
WITH VICEMIN HOGEN SUBJECTS WHICH FONMIN OHIRA MIGHT DISCUSS
WITH SECRETARY DURING THEIR ECONCOM COUNTERPART SESSION.

2. HOGEN SAID OHIRA IS MOST ANXIOUS TO DISCUSS USSR,
SPECIFICALLY RESULTS OF BREZHNEV VISIT TO WASHINGTON
AND DEVELOPMENT OF SIBERIAN OIL AND GAS. HOGEN WENT ON TO
SAY THAT GOJ IS IN QUANDRY OVER HOW TO TACKLE KEY ISSUES
DURING PRIMIN TANAKA'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. GOJ WISHES TO
DISCUSS NORTHERN TERRITORIES, FISHING, AND SIBERIAN OIL
AND GAS, BUT IS CONCERNED HOW TO MAKE PROGRESS ON ONE
OR MORE OF THESE ISSUES WITHOUT COMPROMISING OTHERS.

3. HOGEN TOLD ME THAT AMBASSADOR NIIZEKI SAW GROMYKO
JULY 12 AND FORMALLY PROPOSED THAT TANAKA VISIT TO
MOSCOW TAKE PLACE OCTOBER 8-9 WITH POSSIBLE PRIOR
STOP IN LENINGRAD AROUND OCTOBER 6. GROMYKO THOUGHT
THESE DATES WOULD BE ALL RIGHT BUT IS CHECKING.

4. ECHOING FONMIN OHIRA'S RECENT PUBLIC REMARKS
(TOKYO 8759), HOGEN SAID JAPAN IS "CAUTIOUS" ABOUT
PROPOSED PETROLEUM PIPELINE ACROSS SIBERIA BECAUSE IT
DOES NOT WISH TO BUILD UP SOVIET MILITARY CAPABILITIES

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IN FAR EAST. HOGEN SAID HE HAD MADE THIS POINT TO

IMAZATO WHO, LIKE MOST JAPANESE BUSINESSMEN, SIMPLY
SHRUGGED OFF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS AS "FOREIGN OFFICE
PHOBIA".

5. I RAISED "NEW ATLANTIC CHARTER" AND STRESSED THAT WHILE
USG RECOGNIZES LIMITATIONS ON JAPAN'S ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE
IN SECURITY FIELD, WE STILL EXPECT SOME POSITIVE
SUGGESTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM JAPAN IN OTHER FIELDS.
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